



A GIRL FROM DIXIE

AT THE ACADEMY.

Monday Night, Dwyer-Carroll Wrestling Match.
Tuesday Night, "Lend Me Five Shillings."
Wednesday Matinee and Night, "The Girl from Dixie."

AT THE BIJOU.

All The Week, "A Little Outcast."

Differing radically from the average productions of this nature, the new piece, "A Girl from Dixie," which Shubert, Nixon & Zimmerman will present at the Academy Wednesday, matinee and night, while termed a musical comedy, is in reality a comedy drama with interpolated musical numbers.

The story possesses that continuity of thought and action, the absence of which is usually the most striking characteristic of the general run of the latter-day musical comedy. Several composers have contributed to the production, the list including Ludwig Engländer, Victor Herbert, Baldwin Sloan, George Rosey, Ben Jerome, Will Marion Cook, Manuel Klein, Cole and Johnson, Henry Vailor and Max Witt. This variety of talent gives the piece a thoroughly cosmopolitan atmosphere, although throughout the famous "Dixie" is the motif. The chorus will be of a rather different type from the usual assemblage, since practically each member will have lines. It will include, moreover, two groups of eight, one of the show girls and the other known as "brollys," which are by no means insignificant factors to the production. In fact, in this musical play the chorus is quite as important as any individual.

As the title implies, the plot of "A Girl from Dixie" deals with the fortunes of a young woman born south of the Mason Dixon line. Kittle Calvert, whose folks used to own the town, but "aint in it account now," is the heroine. At the time the story begins she is attendant at the district school at Tamarack, Md. Her cousin, Nick Calvert, falls heir to an estate, which by mistake is given over to Kittle. Nick is aware of the error, but refuses to claim his own, and so Kittle is permitted to retain possession. Kittle's good fortune is made the occasion of a celebration, presided over by Jack Randolph and "Squire Mink," and the pupils of the school, especially Maud Mabel Earle, Kittle's brown friend, say nothing of Angelo Catalina, an Italian musician, who is the stepfather of Kittle. In addition to being the possessor of an enormous fortune, Kittle is the object of Lord Dunmore's love, who promptly falls in love with the young woman.

"A Little Outcast."

"A Little Outcast," with its splendid scenic equipment, will be housed at the Bijou Theatre all the week, beginning Monday. This big New York production is a melodrama of the cleanest type, having every essence of human interest, and is without doubt the best thing of its kind yet produced. The piece is brimful of modern amusements and peculiarly fascinating scenes to attract theatre-goers, but without it is a love story, pure and simple, with every trait of loyalty and affection which could be lent to give the play a nobler intent and color. The story, which is a wide departure from the usual style of drama and is marked by novelty in construction, is built upon the vicissitudes of a young clerk, and passes

in swift action from stately mansions to crime-infested haunts of New York. The play opens in the office of Mr. Harcourt, a wealthy broker, who is about to take his young clerk, Paul Weston, into the firm as junior partner. Weston also has the broker's sanction to a marriage with his pretty daughter, Madeline, whom Weston has already married in secret. But Harcourt's graceless nephew, De Voe, a rejected suitor for Madeline's hand, has discovered that years before Weston had served a term in prison for another's crime. De Voe is present when Dick Higgins recaptures Weston as his former co-mate, and secures hush-money from him.

With Higgins' aid, De Voe robs his uncle's safe, throws the blame on Weston and denounces him as a thief and convict. Weston is utterly cast off by his former friends, and, becoming helpless, falls to the level of the worst drunkards and criminals in the worst part of the city, until, on the point of committing a crime, he is saved by little "Bob," a newsboy, who has been his faithful friend. Weston wins his way out of his difficulties, and the curtain falls on a happy home scene, with Weston's name clear, his enemies overthrown and Madeline his own again.

The stage settings are striking and novel. Views are given of a fashionable home, with its white and gold drawing-room, tapestried windows and pink marble bath—a bizarre Chinese restaurant with its Oriental hangings; Five Points, Cooper Union and a panoramic view of the Battery at night, with all the great buildings lighted with hundreds of incandescent lights and the great fire on Government Pier, the great achievements of modern stage craft.

Frederick Lane, in the role of Paul Weston, does excellent work. He is an actor who has power, united to finesse and a style which commands itself for its simplicity and directness. Little Anne Blancke is featured as "Bob," the newsboy, who plays so archly and unthreateningly every little newsboy in the country is her sworn friend. Joseph Smiley, Frederick Stanley, J. Martin McKee, W. A. Beckling, Fred Clayton, F. once Cecil, Antiolette Smart, Little Nemo and Irene are also in the cast. A newsboy's quartette, composed of small urchins with marvelous voices, is a pleasing feature.

"Lend Me Five Shillings."

The production Tuesday night at the Academy will be under the direction of Mrs. Jennie Yeamans, and it will be given for charity work next winter.

Mrs. Yeamans has a splendid class of clever young men and young women, and the famous old comedy is going to be presented as it has seldom been seen by Richmond.

There will be a curtain-raiser, a very short, one-act piece, entitled "Drifted Apart," in which Mrs. Yeamans will be seen to fine advantage. The comedy, "Lend Me Five Shillings," will then follow, and the concluding piece will be "The Obstinate Family," a delightful bit of real fun.

Mrs. Yeamans has kept her pupils in splendid rehearsal for this production, and if the average theatre-goer thinks he is going to witness merely an amateur production, he will find himself very agreeably disappointed.

The money from the production will be turned over to a committee of gentlemen, who will spend it to the best possible advantage.

That this winter has been a bitterly hard one with the poor there can be no doubt. It is the hope of Mrs. Yeamans and the many people interested with her in this charitable and kindly effort that a good sum will be realized, put in the bank, and be found very welcome when the next winter comes along and begins to pinch the noses of the poor.

Dwyer Is Confident.

Seats are selling rapidly for the Dwyer-Carroll wrestling match, for the middleweight champion of this country, Carroll is the champion middleweight wrestler of England and has thrown

some of the best men in this class of sport, but the two have never met.

The men weigh in at the same figures, practically, and both are very skillful in their work. It is believed that the match will be closer and far more exciting than that between Dwyer and Fardello.

Dwyer has been using Police Sergeant Sowell and Bailey in his training, as well as a number of well known athletes in the various clubs.

The match to-morrow night will be attended by a large crowd, judging from the advance sale at Rueger's, Strauss' and the box office.

Black Patti in the Ward.

In response to many requests from colored people the Black Patti Troubadours have decided to play return engagements in nearly all the Southern cities this season. The Troubadours are now en route to Havana, Cuba, where they are to fill a limited engagement at the Teatro Tacón, one of the largest and finest amusement temples in the world.

Many new features have been recently added to the Troubadours' programme, and the usual big house may confidently expect a genuine treat at True Reformers' Hall on Monday, February 29, matinee and night.

NO ICE IN YORK.

The Flocks of Robins Grow Alarmingly Less.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) YORKTOWN VA., Feb. 27.—York River has been singularly free from ice during the present winter. While all the other rivers of the State, and even the broad waters of the Chesapeake, have been locked in the arctic embrace, the broad surface of the noble York has been as free of icebergs as on a mid-summer's day. An ice floe is a curiosity here and attracts much attention.

The toothsome robin has arrived on his

for the past three months. Should no more rain or snow fall for the next two weeks, it will be as much as the farmers can do to run a plow, and even then very unsatisfactorily. No adequate time can be estimated as to when the seeding of the very earliest crops can be accomplished.

From present indications the crops of both peas and potatoes will be exceedingly light, the average yield small as compared with former years. Advice from Gloucester county point also to the same condition of affairs. The man who attempts to seed early trucks after the first of April is generally conceded to be lacking in mental capacity, with a decided asinine trend.

A WEDDING DELAYED.

An Assessor's Blank in Place of Marriage License.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) MONTICELLO VA., Feb. 27.—Mr. Luther Hammer, the young farmer-citizen of Pendleton county, who recently purchased the Fitzwater farm, in Crabbottom, very wisely decided to bring with him to the new home in Highland a bride meet, and in putting on the conjugal yoke he was brought face to face with an amusing, but embarrassing, situation.

On the set day, and at the appointed hour, the happy, prospective young groom reported, and found the usual assemblage of mutual friends and invited guests. Parson H. A. Marshall took his stand, ready to receive the bridal party and pronounce the words which should unite them for "better or for worse," when the best man entered and presented the all-important big white envelope—the document which legalizes such solemn proceedings. The clerical brother hurriedly examined the paper, and found an assessor's blank, on which the young farmer had listed his household effects, his yearlings and two-year-olds, sheep, bonds and so forth, to be handed to the said assessor, and sworn to when they met again.

The young farmer had procured the necessary license some days previous, the clerk placing them in a similar envelope, and, whether due to his, Mr. Hammer's, inadvertence, or to the prank of a mischievous friend, your correspondent could not learn, but certain it is that the wedding had to be postponed until the long ride there could be made and the right document secured.

Mr. Hammer comes of the best West Virginia stock, and Highland extends to him a hearty greeting, hoping that the rest of the matrimonial course may prove smoother sailing.

TWO QUESTIONS.

Dispensary and New Commonwealth's Attorney.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BLACKSTONE VA., Feb. 27.—The dispensary question and who will be Commonwealth's attorney are about the only subjects heard discussed here at this time. It would appear that those who favor the dispensary have lost out at the first shuffle, as both the senator and delegate from this district have refused to introduce the bill in the Legislature permitting a special election to be held on this question.

The apparent defeat of this measure seems to go hard with some of its advocates, as they were put to the trouble to secure the signatures of a majority of the registered voters of the town, believing that the Legislature provide for the election. Those who opposed the

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Anne Blancke as "Bob," in "A Little Outcast Company," at the Bijou.

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William Banks, a worthy colored farmer living about four miles from this place, suffered the loss of his dwelling and entire contents by fire in the early part of the week, leaving him and his family without shelter or shelter. J. Lyman Babcock, one of Virginia's St. Louis World's Fair commissioners, was here during the week collecting the orders placed here by him were for gray moss, crows-foot or running cedar, Scotch brum, sea sponges and shells, for which he placed a price of \$1 per bushel. He shall require more than the diminutive varieties of all sorts, but good shapes. Among the samples of oysters in wax, which Mr. Babcock exhibited, were especially fine specimens of the famous Blue Point and Lynn Haven varieties of Matthews county.

Mr. Babcock is especially jubilant over the showing which Tidewater will make of its splendid resources and feels assured the exhibit will do credit to the State. With the advent of the month of March, the truckers stand aghast at the retarded conditions of agricultural pursuits. Never before for years back have trucking interests been in such a terrible shape, owing to the severe climatic conditions which have prevailed

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